<u>Appendix 4 – Urgency - General Exception Form</u>

Urgent Cabinet Report/Delegated Decision Form

Report/Decision Title	Extra Care Support Schemes	
Date of request	29/04/2025	
Date of meeting/decision	16/05/2025	
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Urgent – General Exception - Reasons for urgency outlined below

Variation to extend the term of the current contract for Extra Care Support Schemes for a further four month period from 7 November 2025 to 8 March 2026 to allow for an extended period of time within the tender process for the new contract due the anticipated high volume of tender submissions expected to be received.

I confirm that the relevant chair of Scrutiny and Improvement Committee (or if there is not chair, the whole committee individually) and the Cabinet Member have been informed by notice in writing of the decision to be taken.

Officer name	Sue Bradley	Officer Signature	Date	29/04/2025
(Delegated Power Author)				
Assistant Director Name	Victoria Wilson	Assistant Director signature	Date	30/04/2025

This urgent report/decision has been seen and agreed by the following:		
Officer / Member	Signature	
Managing Director		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		

Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	ADCOM-25-033
Corporate Plan Priority	Live and Age Well
Delegation Title	Extra Care Support Schemes
Delegated Power Number	453 - In accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules 9.17: Power to vary the terms of an existing contract, where there is provision within the contract to do so.
Date of Exercise	09/05/2025
Cabinet Member	Cllr Lisa Robson
Assistant Director	Victoria Wilson

Type of Decision	Key - Executive
(Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	
FOR KEY	/ DECISIONS ONLY
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	If a key decision has not been published in the
	forward plan at least 28 days in advance of the
	decision being taken, then the urgency or special
	urgency rules must be applied, and relevant forms
	completed in conjunction with Democratic Services
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	Click or tap to enter a date.
	To be completed by Democratic Services
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included	Choose an item.
in Forward Plan only)	

Background to decision:

The Council's current contract for the Extra Care Schemes commenced on 7 November 2021 and is currently in its final extension period and the contract is due to expire on 6 November 2025. Subsequently, approval was given to commence a procurement process for a new contract to be in place for 7 November 2025 (ADCOM-25-015).

Dale Care are currently the commissioned provider for this service and have been successfully delivering the care and support at all four extra care schemes within the borough at The Dunes, Barnaby House, Jubilee Court, and St Germains Grange.

This request is to approve a variation to extend the current contract term for a further 4 month period to allow for a longer period of time to carry out the tender process for the new contract. The purpose of the request is due to the vast increase in submissions in recent tenders for direct care services resulting in the evaluation periods taking longer than expected, we therefore anticipate that the tender process for the new Extra Care Contract will attract a high volume of submissions which will impact on the evaluation period, resulting in a risk that the tender process will not be completed by the original start date of 7 November 2025.

Decision Considerations:

Contract Procedure Rules.

The extra care schemes deliver outcome focused support for older people through the delivery of background and planned care and support available 24/7, 365 days per year. The schemes support the Council in the delivery of their legal obligations under the Care Act (2014) by preventing or delaying the need for residential care.

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to vary the contract with Dale Care for Extra Care Support Schemes by extending the contract term for a further 4 month period from 7 November 2025 to 8 March 2026.

Financial detail:

This will be funded from the Adult Social Care revenue budget allocation.

Budget Code	11266 R5500
Is budget available for full contract/service without causing additional pressure?	Yes
Current Contract Value: (07/11/2021 – 06/11/2025)	£8,000,000
Variation Contract Value: (07/11/2025- 08/03/2026)	£791,700
Total Contract Value (07/11/2021 – 08/03/2026)	£8,791,700

Delivering Social Value:

As part of the procurement process, Dale Care signed the Council's Social Value Charter and offered the following TOMS (Themes, Outcomes and Measures) within their Tender Submission:

- Apprenticeship programme including 32 roles totalling 278 weeks.
- A Volunteer Programme for 8 volunteers supporting activities such as a befriending service, support for the use of IT/technology, gardening club and 'Giving something back" Schemes (Residents mutual support, running errands and 'swapping' tasks). Co-ordinating with the Council, local third sector organisations and private sector organisations to place suitable volunteers.

- A staff volunteering scheme which currently includes working with Teesside Hospice.
- Working with Landlords to create a 'branded' scheme for Environment and Carbon Savings.

Reasons for Decision:

To allow for a longer period of time to carry out the tender process for a new contract to allow for an expected increase in the number of tender submissions received and therefore reduce the risk of not completing the tender process by the original contract start date.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

Explain why you do not support alternative options eg:

1. Do nothing - not an option as the schemes support the Council in the delivery of their legal obligations under the Care Act (2014) by preventing or delaying the need for residential care.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.

Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.

Background Papers:

State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)

Officer Name (Print)	Sue Bradley		
Officer Signature			
Officer Submission Date	28/04/2025		
Finance Manager Name (Print)	David Dobson		
Finance Approval Signature		Finance Manager to confirm that budget has been confirmed for the decision	
Date of Approval	02/05/2025		
Procurement Officer Name (Print)	Debbie Seaman		
Procurement Approval Signature		Request complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules	
Date of Approval	30/04/2025		

Reference	ADCOM-25-033
Delegated Power Forward	
Plan Reference	
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Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULTS	Date 09/05/2025
Cllr Robson approved via email	
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 07/05/2025
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 07/05/2025
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES	Date 07/05/2025

Call-In (Key Decisions Only)

Call-In to be dis-applied due to urgency, reasons as follows:

Due to the reason stated in the DP we would like to disapply Call-In to allow for issuing of tender documents as soon as possible, this will then allow for an extra 5 days within the evaluation period once tender submissions are received.

Date Decision will	Click or tap to enter a date.	
become effective	To be completed by Democratic Services – date will be not less	
	than expiry of 5 working days from publication unless urgency	
	applies.	